

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET**

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HNC REVISION: 18 APRIL 1997

TAG REVIEW DATE: 6 MAY 1997

1. SITE NAME: Fort Lauderdale Bomb Target #8

SITE NUMBER: I04FL009800

LOCATION:

City: Fort Lauderdale

County: Broward

State: Florida

PROJECT NUMBER: I04FL009801

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 2

ASR RAC: 5

TAG RAC: 5

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Fort Lauderdale Bomb Target #8, consisting of 640 acres, is located in Section 2, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, about seven miles south of Andytown and eighteen miles southwest of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. The State of Florida and Broward County own 390 acres which is used for a correctional institution and county landfill, respectively. The remaining 250 acres are being developed into an industrial park.

The climate in the area is humid subtropical and the topography is flat with elevations at six feet above sea level. Soils in the area consist of about 30 inches of muck underlain by limestone bedrock. Much of the muck at the site has been removed and backfilled with other soil. Naturally occurring vegetation consists of saw grass, lilies and sedges. Water supply comes mainly from municipal wells. Canals are used in the area to regulate the recharging of the ground water during dry periods. Levees in the county contain wet, swampy ground (the Everglades). An alternate source of water is Lake Okeechobee to the north.

4. SITE HISTORY: At an undetermined date in the early part of World War II, the United States acquired use of 640 acres by permit from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund (TIIF) of the state of Florida for this Naval bomb target site. The land at that time was inaccessible swamp land and part of the Everglades. An additional document indicated that a permit dated 8 June 1944 allowed the Navy to establish a target on the site which covered 10 acres. The target was evidently not used until sometime in 1945 as a memorandum from January 1945 recommended acceptance of the permit by the U.S. Government and requested execution of the permit. The site came under the jurisdiction of NAS Miami and was probably used by NAS Fort Lauderdale as well. Both air stations came under the Naval Air Operation Training Command and conducted flight training to include torpedo bombing and dive bombing training. Construction activities at the site consisted of four foot panels set in the pattern of a bull's eye target with 100, 200 and 400 foot circles. No buildings or other alterations were made.

Although Fort Lauderdale BT#8 was designated for use by NAS Miami and Fort Lauderdale as a practice bombing range for dive bombing practice, no documents specifying the exact use or extent of use were discovered during the historical records search. Because WWII was coming to a close and training activities were slowing at the time Fort Lauderdale BT#8 was established, it is believed the site was not extensively used and possibly not used at all.

On 22 January 1947, Fort Lauderdale BT#8 was declared excess to the needs of NAS Miami. In May 1947, the United States terminated rights to use the area as a bomb target as granted by the 8 June 1944 permit. Also by this time, portions of NAS Miami and the entire NAS Fort Lauderdale were inactive.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A

Size, Acres: 11.5
Former Use: Bomb Target #8
Present Use: Being developed into industrial park
Probable End Use: Same as present
Ordnance Presence: **None**
Type: Not Applicable

Area B

Size, Acres: 114
Former Use: Bomb Target Safety Zone
Present Use: State prison;county landfill;future
future industrial park
Probable End Use: Same as present
Ordnance Presence: **None**
Type: Not Applicable

Area C

Size, Acres: 514.5
Former Use: Remaining Land
Present Use: State prison;county landfill;future
industrial park
Probable End Use: Same as present
Ordnance Presence: **None**
Type: Not Applicable

6. CURRENT STATUS: The draft Archives Search Report for Fort Lee was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in June 1996.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: NOFA;(RAC 5)
Area B: NOFA;(RAC 5)
Area C: NOFA;(RAC 5)

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Recommend a strategy of **NOFA** with a **RAC 5** for the entire site. Although a strategy of EE/CA and a RAC 3 was developed for Areas A and B in the Draft ASR, findings did not support this, and the ASR author recommended consideration of NOFA. See **HNC Safety Comments**, below, which call for a strategy of NOFA with a new RAC Form indicating RAC 5 provided. In return

comments, the ASR writer concurs with the safety comments rational for NOFA and accepts the need for the new RAC form conditional upon TAG concurrence.

HNC Safety Comments: Rational for NOFA, RAC 5 are as follows: (1)Documents indicate that the site would not have been used until 1945(when activity was on the decrease). (2)The ASR states that there was a possibility of very limited use or no use of the site. (3)If the site was used, typical OE would have been 3 or 4.5 pound practice bombs. (4)The Site Inspection Team did not locate any bomb debris and no one interviewed provided any reports of OE finds. (5)There has been considerable activity with construction of a prison, establishment of a landfill and demucking of remaining land with no evidence of OE reported.

Natural Resources: There are known Federally-listed species which may occur within the site area. Listings are provided in the ASR Findings, pages 5 and 6, paragraph 3f and Table 3-3. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

Historical Resources: There is one known archaeological site within the site boundaries. However, this area has not been completely surveyed, so unrecorded archaeological sites or historical structures may exist in the area. Any intrusive measures taken within the area will require oversight by the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and/or other like organizations.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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